

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 138

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Doug deLong upon his meritorious service to the Boy Scouts of America.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Doug deLong is one such noteworthy individual who has served with distinction and honor as a leader with the Boy Scouts of America for many years, earning the admiration and respect of scouts and parents alike for the quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young boys with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Mr. deLong joined Den 1, Pack 350 in 1948 in Woodstock, Illinois, during which time he earned his Wolf, Bear, and Lion badges; and

WHEREAS, Doug deLong continued in Boy Scouting in T-157 and was a Senior Patrol Leader and Star Scout; he was selected by the Elks Club to attend the National Jamboree in Santa Ana, California, in 1953; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, he became a member of Post 659 and, from 1956-1960, he was a member of the Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, Mr. deLong joined the United States Navy as a Hospital Corpsman and, upon his graduation from Pharmacy Tech School, he was assigned to the Naval Hospital in Quantico, Virginia, during which time he served as Scoutmaster for Dumfries, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Doug deLong was transferred to Ponce, Puerto Rico, where he served as Scoutmaster for Fort Allen (Puerto Rico Council) until 1967; and

WHEREAS, during his assignment as Pharmacy School Instructor, Mr. deLong served in Portsmouth, Virginia, as an institutional representative for Broad Street Methodist Church, and he also served as Cubmaster for Pack 216 and as Webelos Leader until 1970; and

WHEREAS, upon his next assignment, Doug deLong became Assistant Scoutmaster for T-72 in Japan; from 1971 to May 1972, he served in Okinawa, Japan, during the Vietnam War, during which time he served on the staff of the International Japan-U.S. Camporee; and

WHEREAS, after returning to the United States, he served as Committee Chairman and Cubmaster for Pack 172 in Libertyville, Illinois, until June 1977, when he was transferred to Charleston, South Carolina, where he served as Cubmaster and Committee Chairman for Pack 31, Assistant Scoutmaster for T-75 and T-26, and as Scouting Coordinator for T-480 until 1981; and

WHEREAS, upon his relocation to Pensacola, Florida, Mr. deLong served as Assistant Scoutmaster and Committee Chairman for T-632 and served on the council executive board, completing the Woodbadge as the Permanent Patrol Leader, Eagle SE 306 in 1983; and

WHEREAS, he was transferred to Washington, D.C., in 1983 and back to Pensacola in 1985, where he became District Chairman of the Perdido Bay District, during which time his son, Mike, earned his Eagle Scout rank; and

WHEREAS, Doug deLong was selected to attend the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, where he was Cubmaster in the Pokanoket District, Narragansett Council; upon his return for a third tour in Pensacola, he maintained a district at large membership and worked on Cub Day Camp; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement from the Navy, Mr. deLong moved to Elmwood, Tennessee, in 1994 and became a member of the Walton Trail District, serving in countless positions; and

WHEREAS, during his estimable career with the Boy Scouts of America, Doug deLong has earned numerous honors and accolades, including the Distinguished Commissioner Award, Silver Beaver Award, Long Rifle Award, Cross and Flame Award, and, in 2005, he was awarded the fifty-five-year pin for his dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, his innumerable accomplishments aside, Mr. deLong is also deeply devoted to his family and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Jane Marie Feiertag, and their children, Mike deLong and Melissa Hamby; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable tenure with the Boy Scouts of America, Doug deLong has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, epitomizing the very ideals of this esteemed organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Doug deLong for his years of service to the Boy Scouts of America and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.